



**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit 1642**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
BUSSE *et al.*
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Benign and Malignant Prostate
Tissues**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action ("OA") dated October 27, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following Amendments and Remarks.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, to and including April 27, 2005, accompanied by the required fee. It is not believed that extensions of time or other fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. If, however, additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

This Amendment and Reply is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;

(C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.